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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-3-12 and 14-18 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of the claims.

Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-18 stand rejected due to alleged anticipation under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Okamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,812,757, hereafter "Okamoto"). Applicant respectfully submits that Okamoto fails to disclose all of the claimed features, as required for an anticipation rejection under §102. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under §102, and allowance of the claims.

Okamoto discloses a processing board, a computer and a fault recovery method. Figure 1 of Okamoto illustrates processing units A (i.e., 1-1), B (i.e., 1-2) and C (i.e., 1-3) and majority